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SIR:

Applicants hereby appeal the final rejection in the final Office Action of the Examiner dated January 30, 2003, to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences. A Request for a Two-Month Extension of Time and an Amendment have been filed concurrently herewith.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the Notice of Appeal fee and any additional fees in connection with this appeal required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and 1.17 or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

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